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## NEWS FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIANS

### SOUTH CAROLINA MAKES PROGRESS

The Fourteenth Annual Report of the South Carolina State Library Board, July 1, 1956 - June 30, 1957, was distributed to public libraries this month. The report gives an encouraging picture of the present status of public library development in the State. For the first time, per capita expenditure for public library service went over 50¢ and is now 52¢. And for the first time, total public library income went over the million mark, the total for the past year being \$1,090,335.00. Per capita circulation is now slightly over 2-1/2 books, but public libraries still have less than 3/4 book per person in their book collections.

The majority of the 456,159 people in the State who do not have public library service live in the seven counties which do not yet have county or regional service.

The report carries a supplementary report on the first year of the Library Services Act Program in the State. This report covers the state level program, as well as local programs, and should be of interest to all public librarians and trustees.

### A PRELIMINARY REPORT ON NLW

National Library Week was celebrated throughout South Carolina by public, college and school libraries. A complete report is impossible to give now, but the following will be interesting to librarians.

In Richland County, National Library Week was initiated by a TV program over station WIS devoted largely to the development of the University Library and the new undergraduate library building now under construction. A portion of the program was devoted to a description of National Library Week and its observance in South Carolina. On the following Thursday, the Record Newspaper gave a full page picture spread of public library activities in Richland County. Spot announcements were carried by both radio and TV stations in the Columbia area.

The Lancaster County Library and the Central School Parent Teachers Association were joint sponsors of a Book Fair held during Book Week. Books for the fair were loaned by a book jobber in Chicago and by the State Library Board. The books were selected with a well balanced reading program in mind and were designed to give parents and other interested people an opportunity to examine the best in reading for children from pre-school through high school. In connection with the Book Fair, book exhibits were arranged in many of the store windows along the main street in Lancaster. These exhibits were well captioned and were always accompanied by a large streamer inviting citizens to attend the Book Fair and giving the hours when it would be open.



In Sumter, a Library Open House was held with Dr. Chapman J. Milling, Sr., the author of several outstanding books on South Carolina, as speaker. In addition to the Open House, the local newspaper carried articles about the values of reading.

Barnwell County Library observed National Library Week with an Open House held in the county library each evening. The Barnwell Jaycee Chapter served as hosts for the Open House.

The Kershaw County Library arranged a large exhibit of books on science in the display window of one of the large furniture dealers in Camden. This exhibit called attention to books on science for children as well as adults. The local newspaper gave a feature article to this exhibit and carried a picture of it on the front page.

#### REPORT ON LOUISIANA WORKSHOP

by

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Oconee County Library

Librarians attending the Louisiana State University Workshop on Services for the Young Adult, returned greatly inspired. The Workshop was not only a pleasurable one but a most profitable one. The program was so arranged that no meeting was repetitious. All thoughts were concrete ones and most ideas that were expressed were applicable to all libraries, not just the large ones. We were told how to know young people and what books must do for them. We were given examples of the problems of young people and titles of books that would appeal to them. We were told how to bring books and young people together. These books are the type needed to enrich lives rather than to create literary critics.

For libraries needing a selling point on setting up service for young adults, we were given excellent criteria to follow. We were given directions on how to set up services for young adults, the aids to use, how to build the book collection, the policies to follow for book selection and even how to arrange the books on the shelves. Excellent suggestions were given on how to work with groups with examples of records and books that could be used, also of films, tape recordings, book talks, special exhibits, and other media. And of equal importance, we were told how to present library materials to the individual young person.

These are only a few of the benefits derived from attending the Workshop, for it would be hard to list all we gained from personal contact and the real pleasure of the Louisiana coffee breaks and wonderful meals.

(The Oconee County Library was one of seven public libraries which received a scholarship for a staff member to attend the Workshop under the State Library Board's Personnel Program.)

#### PUBLIC LIBRARY SECTION PLANS WORKSHOP

The Public Library Section of the South Carolina Library Association is



planning to hold a workshop immediately preceding the annual meeting of the Association in Columbia October 31 - November 1. Miss Mary Berry, Director of Adult Services at the Spartanburg Public Library, is the Chairman of the Workshop Committee and will be assisted by five other members of the Section.

Mrs. Florence S. Craig, Director of Adult Education, Cuyahoga County Public Library, Cleveland, Ohio, an outstanding authority on adult education and public relations, will be the consultant for the workshop. She has served as consultant for workshops in many sections of the country and South Carolina is particularly fortunate to secure her services at this time.

### SCLA MEETING

The South Carolina Library Association will hold its Annual Meeting at the Columbia Hotel in Columbia October 31 - November 1.

Mr. Gordon Gourlay, Director of Libraries at Clemson, will be in charge of the program, which will include outstanding speakers for both general sessions. The College, School and Public Library Sections will arrange their own programs, and committees are already at work on these.

### LIBRARY COMMUNITY PROJECT DIRECTOR TO VISIT S. C.

Miss Ruth Warncke, Director of the ALA Library-Community Project, will visit the South Carolina State Library Board April 23 - 25. While in South Carolina, Miss Warncke will hold conferences with the staff of the State Library Board and will visit some libraries in the State to see at first hand the problems involved in developing library-centered Adult Education Programs in South Carolina.

### WITH APOLOGIES TO NEVADA

In a recent bulletin from the Nevada State Library, page 28 carried a story headed "This Library Has Been Transformed!!" with the story of how the librarian, Mrs. Dorothy Walker, had presided over the renovation of the library, the building of shelves, the weeding of the book collection and the redecoration of the library. Furthermore she had been writing two weekly columns for the newspaper. Page 30 reports that Mrs. Dorothy Walker saw the beginning of the New Year from a hospital bed! Many public librarians and staff members can sympathize with the fate of a hard working librarian and we all hope Mrs. Walker has recovered by now and is back in her completely renovated library.

### HOME DEMONSTRATION READING CLUB

On the first of April letters will be sent to librarians in nineteen counties which are participating in the Home Demonstration Reading Club project, asking for suggestions of titles to be included in the 1958-59 list of Recommended Reading. At the same time, letters of invitation to participate in the Reading Club will be sent to Home Demonstration Agents and librarians in counties which are not at present taking part in the program.



The Home Demonstration Reading Club is designed to introduce rural women to the joys of reading for fun and for information. Members of the Club read and report on a certain number of books each year to win a certificate. Club members who have once won a certificate may have further reading achievement signified by the addition of red, gold or silver seals to the original certificate as each additional year's reading is completed.

The Home Demonstration Reading Clubs have been a successful cooperative project between the Extension Service and the public libraries of the State for the past ten years. During that time, hundreds of farm women have been introduced to the library and to the use and enjoyment of books.

#### REFERENCE AND INTERLIBRARY LOAN COLLECTION

With an inadequate book collection, no public library can give the technical reference service required or supply all the books needed to satisfy its patrons. One part of the plan of the State Library Board for use of funds under the Library Services Act, 1956, provided for increased services to the libraries and citizens of the State. Utilizing the State and Federal funds and the best tools for selection of books, the State Library Board has procured and cataloged the nucleus of a collection of books with particular stress in the technical, scientific and business fields. The cataloging of this central reference and interlibrary collection was begun in September 1956.

In April 1957, Mrs. Frances C. Stuart was appointed full time cataloger. Library of Congress cards have been used for all non-fiction when cards were available. The card catalog has been designed for use by the general public should that be needed in any future plans. A total of 9,671 volumes in the new reference and interlibrary loan collection have been cataloged.

In January 1958, the process of re-cataloging one copy of all books in the old State Aid Collection was initiated. These volumes are being transferred to the new collection. To date 938 volumes have been completed.

Within another year, the cataloger hopes to have the majority of the old books re-cataloged as well as the regular cataloging of new books that are added monthly to the collection.

#### A SIXTY-FOUR THOUSAND DOLLAR QUESTION

"What's Your Line" when an adult borrower in your community asks for a book which is not in your book collection? Is your answer simply "I'm sorry" or do you say "I will get it for you on interlibrary loan"?

It is only a little easier to say "I'm sorry" than to fill out the interlibrary loan request card which will bring your borrower the information or the book he needs. In addition to satisfying the borrower's request, you can also have the satisfaction



of building up community confidence in your library. You will never be able to do this with "I'm sorry" even if said with a wide smile!

Send your requests for interlibrary loan to the South Carolina State Library Board on the forms which the Board supplies. Every effort will be made to supply the book from the State Board's collection or to arrange a loan from one of the libraries in the Columbia area.

Remember - the next time you have a request you cannot fill from local sources, call on the State Library Board to help you out with an interlibrary loan or the material to answer the reference question.

### LANCASTER PROGRAMS

The Lancaster County Library has sponsored a series of programs and displays this winter on "Hobbies for Adult Recreation". On December 30, Vernon Kompe, Gaylord Representative, gave two demonstrations of bookbinding for the benefit of Boy and Girl Scouts working for merit badges and for interested adults. In February Mrs. Paul Baker presented a program on braiding rugs. Mrs. George W. Plyler exhibited a collection of more than 100 specimens of rocks and minerals and demonstrated how these can be used in flower arrangements. Another display that attracted much attention was one of needlework by local women. The highlight of the series was an autograph party for Paul Bartlett, well-known Charlotte portrait painter, whose collection of poems, Moods and Memories, was published by Heritage.

At another recent program in the Lancaster County Library, seventeen Home Demonstration Club members received certificates for their 1957 reading. This is the third year that the Library has sponsored a Home Demonstration Club reading project.

### CHILDREN'S SPRING BOOK FESTIVAL

The third week in May will mark the twenty-second annual celebration of the Children's Spring Book Festival sponsored by the New York Herald Tribune. Planned to encourage the spring publication of books for young people, the Festival gives nation-wide publicity to the winners as well as to twelve Honor Books named by the judges. These, and other new books for boys and girls will be featured in the special Children's Spring Book Festival Issue of the Herald Tribune Book Review of May 11th. Libraries, schools and bookstores throughout the country are planning book fairs and exhibits of interest to both parents and children during the week of May 11th to 18th. Highlight of these exhibits will be the poster designed by Crockett Johnson, creator of the "Harold" series of children's books. The posters, plus other exhibit aids listed below are available from the Herald Tribune at postage cost. Copies of the May 11th issue of the Book Review may be ordered at special rates. All requests,



together with money in stamps or check, should be sent to: New York Herald Tribune Children's Spring Book Festival, 230 West 41st Street, New York 36, N. Y. Attention: Joan Rothschild. Material will be sent in March and April. Deadline for receiving orders: April 28th.

Children's Spring Book Festival Issue of N. Y. Herald Book Review (May 11)

5¢ per copy for 10 or more; single copies 15¢

Posters, designed by Crockett Johnson

15¢ for one poster, 10¢ for each additional poster

Workbooks, How to Plan a Book Festival

15¢ a copy

Sets of 25 Festival Bookmarks

10¢ a set

Sets of 25 stickers for labeling Prize Books

5¢ a set

Sets of 25 stickers for labeling Honor Books

5¢ a set

### SOUTHERN PUBLIC LIBRARY WORKSHOP

The second Southern Public Library Workshop sponsored jointly by the Florida State University Library School and the Florida State Library will be held in Tallahassee September 25, 26 and 27, 1958. Mrs. Florence Craig, Director of Adult Education, Cuyahoga County Public Library, Cleveland, Ohio, will be the director. The Workshop will deal with adult books and reading and include consideration of important books, methods of encouraging adult reading, ways in which books, either alone or in combination with other media, can be used as program material for adults.

### "V.I.P. IS THE LIBRARY TRUSTEE"

South Carolina librarians and trustees are active in a nation-wide campaign to increase participation of library trustees in the activities of the American Library Association and of state library associations through gaining new members for the American Association of Library Trustees, a section of the ALA Public Library Association.

Chairman of the AALT membership committee of South Carolina is Mrs. Elizabeth G. Hinton, Limestone Avenue, Gaffney, who is being assisted by Miss Estellene P. Walker, Director, South Carolina State Library Board.

The campaign to increase the membership of AALT by 7,000 was launched at the recent ALA Midwinter Meeting by AALT President Mrs. Merlin M. Moore, Little Rock, Arkansas, and the national chairman of the AALT Membership Campaign, George W. Coen, Lancaster, Ohio.



Yes, Indeed, V.I.P. is the Library Trustee, an attractive leaflet, spelling out the advantages of AALT membership and what trustee participation in library associations means to every public library, has been widely distributed. A copy is enclosed for each library. Read your copy, use it with your trustees, and write the State Library Board for additional copies if needed.

#### FREE MATERIALS

Aviation Education Bibliography (Elementary School) newly revised. Single copies free from National Aviation Education Council, 1025 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

The 1956-57 Supplement to Five Years of Good Reading (1955), an annotated list of adult books for young people prepared by the Round Table of Librarians for Young Adults. Will be especially helpful to small libraries. Free from Mrs. Alice B. Howard, consultant in work with children and young people, Division of Library Extension, Department of Education, 200 Newburg Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

#### STAFF CHANGES

Miss Dorothy Smith, formerly Reference Consultant, became Field Consultant on March 1st.

Mr. Charles A. Stevenson, whose appointment was announced last month, succeeded Miss Smith as Reference Consultant.

#### DATES TO BE REMEMBERED

May 11 - 18	Twenty-Second Annual Children's Book Festival
June 25 - 27	Southern College and Research Library Workshop, Florida State University, Tallahassee
July 13 - 19	American Library Association, Public Auditorium, San Francisco, California
September 25 - 27	Southern Public Library Workshop, Florida State University, Tallahassee
October 23 - 25	Southeastern Library Association, Kentucky Hotel and Sheraton-Seelbach Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky
Oct. 31 - Nov. 1	South Carolina Library Association, Annual Meeting, Columbia Hotel, Columbia



EXTRA! EXTRA!

1958 NEWBERY CALDECOTT AWARDS

NEWBERY AWARD - 37th

THE WINNER:	Harold Keith	<u>Rifles for Watie</u>	Crowell
RUNNERS-UP:	Mari Sandoz	<u>The horse catcher</u>	Westminster
	Elizabeth Enright	<u>Gone-away lake</u>	Harcourt
	Robert Lawson	<u>The great wheel</u>	Viking
	Leo Gurko	<u>Tom Paine, freedom's</u>	
		<u>apostle</u>	Crowell

CALDECOTT AWARD - 21st

THE WINNER:	Robert McCloskey	<u>Time of wonder</u>	Viking
RUNNERS-UP:	Don Freeman	<u>Fly high, fly low</u>	Viking
	Paul Galdone, illus.	<u>Anatole and the cat</u>	
		by Eve Titus	Whittlesey

INFORMATION REQUESTED

If you have any library activities, changes, etc., which should be reported, please send them in.

How was National Library Week celebrated at your Library and in your County? The next issue of News Notes will carry reports. Please send information and clippings, if available. Address them to: S. C. State Library Board  
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